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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A system for peer-to-peer access to a collection of data, comprising:

a musicbox <u>implemented via at least one selected from the group consisting of a specialized musicbox device, specialized musicbox devices, a computer and computers,</u> said musicbox comprising:

a persistent data store, the persistent data store containing a plurality of individually selectable data files of a predetermined data format, some of the data files being pre-loaded onto the persistent data store;

a data communications interface ~~operatively connected~~ <u>coupled</u> to a data communications network to ~~effect~~ <u>provide</u> a peer-to-peer network, the data communications network comprising a plurality of musicboxes authorized to participate in the peer-to-peer network; and

a controller ~~operatively connected~~ <u>coupled</u> to the persistent data store and the data communications interface; and

software ~~executing~~ <u>stored in the musicbox and executable via the controller</u> in the musicbox, <u>wherein</u> the software ~~being operable for~~ <u>is configured to</u>:

~~identifying~~ <u>identify</u>, without utilizing a central server, the plurality of authorized musicboxes executing instances of the software;

peer-to-peer ~~sharing~~ <u>share</u> the data files with the identified authorized musicboxes, the sharing being restricted to the identified plurality of authorized musicboxes having authorization to participate in the peer-to-peer sharing of data files;

~~securing~~ <u>secure</u> the data files from unauthorized access ~~so that~~ <u>to prevent</u> the data files ~~are prevented~~ from being retrieved in a perceptible format thereof by unauthorized musicboxes;

~~reproducing~~ <u>reproduce</u> the data files into a predetermined perceptible format;

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and

enabling users of the software provide authorized musicboxes access to manipulate use the data files, wherein to identify comprises:

detecting whether another system is executing an instance of software that allows and restricts peer-to-peer sharing of the data files; and

identifying said another system as an unauthorized musicbox not being a peer in response to a detection that said another system is not executing said instance.

2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the data files comprise works subject to copyright and workings works not subject to copyright.

3. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the data files comprise at least one of audiovisual works, music recordings, performance recordings, digitized film recordings, digitized video recordings, graphic work images, text, and software.

4. (currently amended) A system for peer-to-peer access to a collection of data, comprising:

a musicbox implemented via at least one selected from the group consisting of a specialized musicbox device, specialized musicbox devices, a computer and computers, said musicbox comprising:

a persistent data store, the persistent data store containing a plurality of individually selectable data files of a predetermined data format, some of the data files being pre-loaded onto the persistent data store;

a data communications interface operatively connected coupled to a data communications network to effect provide a peer-to-peer network; and

a controller operatively connected coupled to the persistent data store and the data communications interface; and

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software ~~executing~~ <u>stored in the musicbox and executable via the controller</u> in the musicbox, <u>wherein</u> the software ~~being operable for~~ <u>is configured to</u>:

~~identifying~~ <u>identify</u> other musicboxes executing instances of the software;

~~peer-to-peer sharing~~ <u>share</u> the data files with the identified other musicboxes, the sharing being restricted to the identified other musicboxes having authorization to participate in the peer-to-peer sharing of data files;

~~securing~~ <u>secure</u> the data files from unauthorized access;

~~reproducing~~ <u>reproduce</u> the data files into a predetermined perceptible format; and

~~enabling users of the software~~ <u>provide authorized musicboxes access</u> to ~~manipulate~~ <u>use</u> the data files, wherein said software is configured to ~~perform the securing~~ <u>secure</u> data files from unauthorized access by selecting from among at least:

securing the data files ~~from unauthorized copying, thereby preventing~~ <u>to prevent</u> the data files from being retrieved in the predetermined ~~data~~ <u>perceptible</u> format by unauthorized musicboxes; and

securing the data files ~~for authorized access~~ <u>to enable the data files to be retrieved in the predetermined perceptible format by authorized musicboxes,</u>

<u>wherein to identify comprises:</u>

<u>detecting whether another system is executing an instance of software that allows and restricts peer-to-peer sharing of the data files; and</u>

<u>identifying said another system as an unauthorized musicbox not being a peer in response to a detection that said another system is not executing said instance.</u>

5. (currently amended) The system of claim 4<u>,</u> further comprising an audio-visual interface<u>, the audio-visual interface configured</u> to export <u>at least one selected from the group consisting of</u> audio ~~and/or~~ <u>data and</u> visual data for further reproduction of content within the data files.

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6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The system of claim 4, further comprising a central server to provide registration services, the central server being a peer participant in the peer-to-peer network.

8. (currently amended) The system of claim 4, further comprising an authorization device, wherein the authorization device comprises ~~comprising~~ at least one of an electronic smart card, a mechanical smart card, and an optical key smart card.

Claims 9-20 (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A system for peer-to-peer access to a collection of data, comprising:

      means for storing persistent data, the persistent data comprising a plurality of data files of a predetermined data format, the data files further being secured from unauthorized access;

      means for data communications, ~~operatively connected~~ coupled to the means for storing persistent data; and

      means for accessing the persistent data in communication with the means for storing persistent data and the means for data communications, wherein the means for storing persistent data, the means for data communications, and the means for accessing the persistent data are together implemented via a musicbox, wherein the musicbox comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of a specialized musicbox device, specialized musicbox devices, a computer and computers, wherein the means for accessing the persistent data ~~being operable for~~ is executable via a controller in the musicbox and configured to:

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~~identifying~~ identify, without utilizing a central server, other systems executing the means for accessing the persistent data;

peer-to-peer ~~sharing of~~ share the persistent data with the identified other systems, the sharing being restricted to the identified other systems ~~so that~~ to prevent the persistent data ~~is prevented~~ from being retrieved in the predetermined data format ~~from the identified systems~~ by an unidentified system; and

~~enabling users of the means for accessing the persistent data to manipulate~~ provide identified systems access to use the persistent data, wherein to identify comprises:

_____ detecting whether the other system is executing an instance of software _____ that allows and restricts peer-to-peer sharing of the plurality of data files; and

_____ identifying the other system as the unidentified system not being a peer in _____ response to a detection that said other unidentified system is not executing said _____ instance.

22. (canceled)

23. (previously presented) The system of claim 21, wherein said system does not include a central server.

24. (canceled)

25. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said system does not include a central server.

26. (currently amended) The system of claim 4, wherein said software is further ~~operable for~~ configured to:

~~securing~~ secure a predetermined collection of data files ~~from~~ to prevent unauthorized copying by unauthorized musicboxes, and

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~~securing~~ secure a predetermined collection of data files ~~for~~ to enable authorized access by authorized musicboxes.